**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 and AMEND claims 8, 12, 14, 18, 20, 24, and 25 in accordance with the following:

1.     (CANCELLED)

2.     (ORIGINAL) An apparatus receiving request data from a request source and providing response data corresponding to the request data, comprising:

a request source recognizing unit recognizing said request source;

a control information recording unit recording control information related to data restricted from being provided depending on said request source;

an edit unit creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by hiding an area restricted from being provided; and

a transmitting unit providing the response data.

3.     (ORIGINAL) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the control information contains information for identifying said request source, and designating information for designating a data area restricted from being provided to said request source.

4.     (ORIGINAL) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the designating information is display area information for indicating the area restricted from being provided.

5.　　(ORIGINAL) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein when the data is an image, the designating information designates a partial image, specifying an object restricted from being provided, in this image.

6.　　(ORIGINAL) An apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising an input unit setting the control information.

7.　　(CANCELLED)

8.　　(CURRENTLY AMENDED) A data providing method receiving request data from a request source and providing response data corresponding to the request data, comprising:

a step-recognizing said request source;

a step-referring to control information related to data restricted from being provided depending on said request source;

a step-creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by hiding an area restricted from being provided; and

a step-providing the response data.

9.　　(ORIGINAL) A data providing method according to claim 8,

wherein the control information contains information for identifying said request source, and designating information for designating a data area restricted from being provided to said request source.

10.　　(ORIGINAL) A data providing method according to claim 9, wherein the designating information is display area information for indicating the area restricted from being provided.

11.　　(ORIGINAL) A data providing method according to claim 9, wherein when the data is an image, the designating information designates a partial image, specifying an object restricted from being provided, in this image.

12.    (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A data providing method according to claim 8, further comprising a step setting the control information.


13.    (CANCELLED)


14.    (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program executed by a computer receiving request data from a request source and providing response data corresponding to the request data, comprising:

a step recognizing said request source;

a step referring to control information related to data restricted from being provided depending on said request source;

a step creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by hiding an area restricted from being provided; and

a step providing the response data.


15.    (ORIGINAL) A program according to claim 14, wherein the control information contains information for identifying said request source, and designating information for designating a data area restricted from being provided to said request source.


16.    (ORIGINAL) A program according to claim 15, wherein the designating information is display area information for indicating the area restricted from being provided.


17.    (ORIGINAL) A program according to claim 15, wherein when the data is an image, the designating information designates a partial image, specifying an object restricted from being provided, in this image.


18.    (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program according to claim 14, further comprising a step setting the control information.


19.    (CANCELLED)

20.    (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium that stored a program executed by a computer receiving request data from a request source and providing response data corresponding to the request data, said program comprising:

a step recognizing said request source;

a step referring to control information related to data restricted from being provided depending on said request source;

a step creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by hiding an area restricted from being provided, and

a step providing the response data.


21.    (ORIGINAL) A storage medium that stored a program according to claim 20, wherein the control information contains information for identifying said request source, and designating information for designating a data area restricted from being provided to said request source.


22.    (ORIGINAL) A storage medium that stored a program according to claim 21, wherein the designating information is display area information for indicating the area restricted from being provided.


23.    (ORIGINAL) A storage medium that stored a program according to claim 21, wherein when the data is an image, the designating information designates a partial image, specifying an object restricted from being provided, in this image.


24.    (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium that stored a program according to claim 20, said program further comprising a step setting the control information.


25.    (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus according to any one of claims 1-6 2-6, wherein said apparatus is a server.